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REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application. The Examiner is also thanked correctly allowing Claims 1-11, 16, 17, 24, and 25.

The Applicant has amended independent Claims 12 and 20 to include the subject matter that was indicated as being allowable by the Examiner. In adding the subject matter that has been indicated as allowable to independent Claim 12, portion of the claim have been removed for consistency. The Applicant has also amended dependent Claims 13-18, 21-23, and 25-26 for consistency. The Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the claims, as amended are allowable over the references cited by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments to the claims, it is submitted that the claims, as amended, are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is requested in due course. Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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